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MICHAEL McHALE
President
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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
United States Senate
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
Police Benevolent Association of New York City

Dear Senators Durbin and Collins,

CRAIG LALLY
Recording Secretary
Los Angeles Police Protective League

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers we represent across the country, I am writing to advise you of our support for the Postal Police Reform Act, S. 3356.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition of Police

As the uniformed members of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), postal police officers (PPOs) are authorized under law to enforce postal laws and regulations, carry firearms, and make arrests on and off postal property. PPOs are trained in the constraints of the use of force, the laws of search and seizure, civil rights of civilians, and receive advanced tactical training at an accredited federal law enforcement training academy. Until recently, postal police officers were deployed to various neighborhoods throughout their jurisdictions to protect letter carriers, mailboxes, and postal vehicles from criminal attack.

KEITH CURRY
Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association

SCOTT LEETON
Executive Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

On August 25, 2020, however, the USPIS inexplicably ceased all off-property authorities of uniformed PPOs to proactively patrol and respond to reports of mail theft and attacks on letter carriers and the mail system away from postal controlled real estate. PPOs have been relegated to being overqualified security guards for U.S. Post Offices and facilities despite the increasing assaults of carriers and the epidemic of mail and package theft that our mail system is experiencing. The USPIS effectively neutered and defunded its own postal police force, while increasingly seeking the assistance of local law enforcement to assume duties previously performed by Postal Police.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
Associate Members
Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

The Postal Police Reform Act would restore PPOs to their full, authorized duties to protect our nation's postal workers and mail system. NAPO thanks you for your leadership and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director